

MONTANA

BOARD OF INVESTMENTS

BOARD ADOPTED POLICY

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EFFECTIVE DATE: November 30, 2021

TITLE: Investment Objectives and Guidelines
Tobacco Trust Fund

SUPERSEDES: April 20, 2021

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I. Appendix I: Trust Funds: Investment Objectives and Guidelines

- A. Schedule I-P: Investment Objectives and Guidelines Tobacco Trust Fund.
- B. Approved Date of Schedule: February 14, 2018.
- C. This Schedule is effective upon adoption by the Board and supersedes all previous Investment Objectives and Guidelines for this specific portfolio.

II. Introduction

- A. The purpose of this policy statement is to provide a framework for the Tobacco Trust Fund investments under the guidance of the Board.
- B. The Tobacco Trust Fund was created from the Master Settlement Agreement from the nation's largest tobacco companies to pay at least \$205 billion over twenty-five (25) years (in 1999). The Tobacco Trust Fund is established in Section 17-6-601, MCA, where forty percent of the tobacco settlement will be placed for health care benefits, services, or coverage and tobacco disease prevention (described in Section 17-6-606, MCA). A special revenue fund account is also established in Section 17-6-603, MCA, where nine-tenths of the interest and income derived from the trust fund must be deposited.

III. Statement of Purpose

- A. The purpose of these objectives and guidelines is to:
 1. Establish the investment objectives and performance standards of the Tobacco Trust Fund account.
 2. Provide diversified investment exposure within the guidelines in a prudent and cost-effective manner.

IV. Investment Objective

- A. Strategic
 1. The objective of the Tobacco Trust Fund portfolio is to attain above benchmark total return within the parameters of the Investment Guidelines set forth below with an emphasis on investment income and preservation of principal.
- B. Performance
 1. Success in achieving this objective will be measured by comparing the risk and return of the account to the Trust Funds Investment Pool (TFIP) benchmark and the Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP) benchmark, each weighted proportionately to the portfolio's holdings, over a five (5) year moving average.

C. Time Horizon

1. The Tobacco Trust Fund is a permanent account. The Board expects to meet or exceed all objectives over a long-term investment horizon. Over shorter periods, the anticipated market volatility, and specific actions, including risk mitigation efforts of the Board may lead to unfavorable, but expected deviation from these objectives.

D. Investment Guidelines

1. The Board will have full discretion to manage the Tobacco Trust Fund portfolio consistent with the investment guidelines stated below. Compliance with the following guidelines for permitted investments and other restrictions is the sole responsibility of the Staff. Any exceptions or compliance violations are to be reported to the Board at the next scheduled quarterly Board meeting.

E. Permitted Investments

1. The Tobacco Trust Fund may only invest in the following:
 - a) TFIP.
 - b) STIP or any cash vehicle at the Custodial Bank.

F. Other Restrictions

1. A minimum of ninety-five percent (95%) of the market value of the portfolio will be invested in the TFIP.

- G. If at any time, due to market fluctuations or any other circumstances, any of the guidelines are not maintained, Staff will use its best efforts to conform to these limits in a timely manner, while considering current market conditions and the associated costs of rebalancing. At the Board's next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting, the CIO shall inform the Board of any cases that the allocations were outside the limits and either inform the Board of the actions that were taken to return the portfolio back within guidelines or a plan to do so.

Authority: Montana Constitution, Article VIII, Section 13
Section 2-15-1808, MCA
Section 17-1-113, MCA
Sections 17-6-201 through 17-6-205, MCA
Sections 17-6-603 and 17-6-606, MCA
Tobacco Trust Fund Master Settlement Agreement (1999)